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Chris Fournier on his sailboat, Little Shark, at the Nepean Sailing Club in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/FOR METRO

AROUND THE WORLD IN 300 DAYS

Ottawa man sailing the globe — solo metroNEWS

Midriff rift cropping up

OC TRANSPO

Ottawa woman kicked off bus for wearing ‘vulgar’ attire

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

OC Transpo is apologizing after a young woman was kicked off the bus for showing her midriff.

“We’re not here to judge people on how they dress,” said general manager John Manconi. “We can all agree that as a city that’s not what we’re about.”

That wasn’t Monica Werthner’s experience after she was kicked off the 86 Baseline around 4:50 p.m. Sunday afternoon on her way to work.

She had just put her tickets in the machine when the female driver told her the crop top and jogging pants she was wearing were “vulgar.”

The driver made Werthner, 18, get off the bus.

Werthner didn’t argue, and left the bus without first getting a transfer — leaving her stranded and late for work.

After the bus pulled away, Werthner said what happened sunk in.

“I was really embarrassed and kind of frustrated,” she said. “I didn’t understand why I would have gotten kicked off for what I was wearing.”

Neither does OC Transpo, which is investigating the incident. The transit operator doesn’t have a customer dress code policy.

Monica Werthner
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Manconi said staff will interview the driver to find out what happened, and to make sure it doesn’t happen again.

Werthner will receive a free monthly bus pass for her troubles.

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Hairstylists to give free cuts to Pinecrest Terrace kids

VOLUNTEERS

Teens partner with local shops to help families in need

Using their experience as immigrants and a snippet of help from community sponsors, three Kanata teens have made it their mission to give haircuts to kids who might not otherwise get them. COURTESY PRECIA MILJOUR

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Cuts for Kids organizers Ibrahim Musa, 17, Johnny Xi and Ahmed Mohamed, both 19, and a team of volunteers from Hair Fellas Barbershop and a local salon will do just that at Pinecrest Terrace Community House, on Thursday.

The west Ottawa event — their third since founding Cuts for Kids — will invite children whose families struggle to pay for extras like haircuts to climb into a barber or salon chair and ask for whatever style of haircut they want.

For girls, Cuts for Kids will partner with a salon whose stylists will also be taking haircut requests.

Musa, who founded Cuts for Kids, said although the nonprofit organization hosted its first event at the Overbrook Community Centre on May 21, the idea that sparked its creation occurred to him last summer.

"I had the idea about a year ago to start an organization to give back to the community," he said.

"And it was something that I wanted to do as a former refugee to help make the world around me a little better."

> **It was something that I wanted to do as a former refugee to help make the world around me a little better.**
> Ibrahim Musa

Musa and his parents arrived in Canada as refugees from Iraq in 2002 when he was three years old. Similarly, Xi moved to Canada from China with his mother when he was six years old, and Mohamed moved to Canada with his family after living in Cairo, Egypt for 14 years.

Musa said he was inspired to create Cuts for Kids when an acquaintance who worked at a day camp for underprivileged children told him about a boy at the camp who was intensely self-conscious about his hair because his parents couldn't afford to have it cut.

"And that kind of brought me back to my childhood," he said. "Because as a newly arrived refugee we didn't have money at all to do anything, especially haircuts."

Musa said he approached Hair Fellas Barbershop owner Carlos Noja for help with the project last summer. Since then, four barbers from Noja's shop have been at every each event, cutting hair for four hours at a time.

"When I thought of the idea I first brought it to them and they've supported me and encouraged me," Musa said.

"And they've done every event and are doing every event on my calendar so far."

Noja said the partnership has breathed life into a project he himself had already considered before. The timing and the concept were perfect.

"When (Musa) came to me and proposed his idea I was like 'that's exactly what I was thinking and that's when we did it together," he said. "He kind of read my mind."

The Cuts for Kids Pinecrest Terrace event runs Aug. 11 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 2483-B Iris St.

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ATHLETE

Orléans soccer star Jamar Dixon signed by Fury FC

Jamar Dixon has come home to the city that he brags about wherever he happens to live.

The soccer player from the Convent Glen neighbourhood of Orléans was signed by the Fury FC on July 20 after spending two years in Finland's premier league with FF Jaro.

"I always represent Ottawa, even when I was abroad in Europe — I always talk about this city," Dixon said. "This city raised me. So I always give thanks to this place."

His family and friends were out in force at TD Place on July 27 for the 27-year-old's debut home game with the Fury.

The midfielder grew up in Orléans and attended Cairine Wilson Secondary School and Terry Fox Elementary School.

He hasn't played in Ottawa since his teens, as he played university soccer for the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in Nova Scotia and later signed with a club in Sweden to play professional soccer.

This winter, he was called up to the Canadian national team to be part of the squad that played against the United States in February. The national team coaching staff, and national team member and Fury FC player Julian de Guzman, recommended Dixon to Fury FC head coach Paul Dalglish.

Dixon is one of three local players now on the Fury's roster. He joins Gatineau's Maxim Tissot and Ottawa's Eddie Edward — a former youth soccer rival and friend. Dixon said exposure to the pro team for local youth is good, and something he didn't have growing up in Ottawa.

"Now that we have the opportunity, it's just good to give back," he said. "It's good for the kids to see that they can make it as well."

The former Ottawa St. Anthony's and Gloucester Hornets player will next take the field with the Fury FC at home on Saturday against the Jacksonville Armada FC.

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Jamar Dixon
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COURT

Former Hells Angel sues police

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

A man reported to be a former Hells Angels biker is suing the Ottawa police for assault and false arrest after an officer allegedly seized his medical marijuana.

In a statement of claim, Michael Clairoux says he was attending a Canada Day concert in the ByWard Market in 2014 when an officer told him to leave. The reason: his T-shirt.

Postmedia reports that Clairoux is a former Hells Angel who was wearing a T-shirt with the biker club's logo.

Clairoux — so "friendly" with the concert organizers that he was given a bracelet and a spot in the VIP section — allegedly told Const. Nick Benard that he would leave the concert and borrow a friend's shirt. But Benard said he wasn't allowed to return.

As officers escorted Clairoux off site, his friends followed. Police asked one friend to show a piece of identification. When Clairoux told his friend he didn't have to comply, officers "became angry" and insisted his friend show I.D., according to court documents.

Clairoux, who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, "began to experience a high level of anxiety and feared a panic attack." He took out the medical marijuana he uses to treat PTSD.

Police asked for a licence. Clairoux alleges he provided the licence and other documentation, but police still arrested him and confiscated the $40 in medical cannabis he was carrying.

While in custody, he suffered a "serious panic attack," fell to the ground, and injured his left shoulder, right knee and back, according to court documents. Since then, he has suffered a number of panic attacks or near panic attacks when police approach.

In a statement of defence, Ottawa police say Clairoux's medical marijuana licence had expired and his other Health Canada documentation was unsigned with no file number.

Clairoux is seeking $10,000 from Benard, plus $50,000 in general damages, and $2,040 in special damages.

Police say Clairoux's damages are "exaggerated" and are asking the action be dismissed.

PACKING LIST

- **Boat:** Thank you, Captain Obvious. But seriously: a 30-foot, three-sailed cutter should do nicely.
- **Water:** About 500 litres of it — stored in convenient 20-litre cans — plus a solar still to purify ocean and rain water as needed.
- **Food:** 200 pounds of canned, freeze-dried and pickled delights. Caviar, anyone?
- **Book:** A fully-loaded e-reader is a must when you're alone for 300 days.
- **Electricity:** When all you've got is the sun and the wind, don't forget your solar panels and a wind generator to keep all your gadgets going.
- **Sextant:** This traditional navigation device looks to the heavens for celestial directions, measuring the distance between the horizon and celestial objects like the sun or moon. It's a handy gadget in the open ocean — if you know how to use it.
- **Kayak:** Even in the middle of the ocean, a sailor needs to keep fit. What better way to do that than to tie your kayak to your sailboat and go for an open-ocean spin?
- **Camera gear:** Pics or it didn't happen, right? A 360-degree camera will help landlocked fans follow Fournier's journey, and a binaural microphone will let them hear what's happening in real time. Plus, a camera's good for proof if the Kraken shows up.
- **Sense of adventure:** Because, let's be honest, you're not leaving land without it.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Chris Fournier works on his sailboat, Little Sark, as he prepares to set sail at the Nepean Sailing Club in Ottawa on Monday.

JUSTIN TANG /FOR METRO

Sailor sets his sights on 300-day journey

TRAVEL

Man plans to cross globe on solo crusade

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

What do you do when you're burnt out, tired of your job and ready for something new?

Drop everything and sail solo around the world, of course.

At least, that's what you do if you're Ottawa sailor Chris Fournier, who leaves from Montreal on Tuesday on a 300-day solo trip in his 30-foot cutter, Little Sark.

Having grown up sailing, Fournier had always dreamed of taking the perilous global journey some day.

"You get to a certain point in your life and... a bolt of lightning hits you on the head and you remember the dream," Fournier said. "I'm free and I wanted to do it before I'm 50. Sometimes you just have to kind of make the decision."

He's not planning to touch land along the way, so he's on his own the entire time.

It's the ultimate survival test: He'll have to problem-solve on the fly, and when the going gets tough he'll have to decide to ride it out or abandon ship.

"Survival is really down to my hands," he said.

Fournier has outfitted his boat with an extra mast for better balance, and has gathered hundreds of pounds of food and drinking water. His e-reader is fully loaded.

Fournier will follow the traditional tall ship route, passing by the Cape of Good Hope near South Africa, Cape Leeuwin at the south-west corner of Australia, and Cape Horn near Chile.

Pirates and icebergs are still a risk, but Fournier said this longer route has fewer of them. He'll also have the wind at his back.

Still, it's a risky business. Three other Canadians have tried and failed to complete the journey. One of them, Gerry Roufs, was lost at sea during his attempt in 1997.

But Fournier's not thinking about that yet.

"You kind of focus on the here and now and worry about the fear later," he said.

Fournier's just excited to leave this hectic, smartphone-centric world behind.

"I've been looking forward to this for so long, I don't think I'm going to miss anything," he said.

You can follow Fournier's journey at www.sailor.life.

SPECIAL NEEDS

'No plans' to close schools

Ontario says there are no plans to close residential schools for special-needs students, but the Liberal government won't say if that is a permanent decision.

Parents and staff protested after the government halted admissions for fall while it consulted on the future of the schools in Ottawa, Belleville, Milton and London for students who are deaf, blind or have severe learning disabilities.

In response, the province said this spring that it would resume the admissions process for the schools for the 2016-17 school year, but wouldn't guarantee their future beyond that.

The government announced in a news release Monday that, "over the coming year the province will keep all provincial and demonstration schools open."

When asked whether that meant permanently or just for the upcoming school year, a spokeswoman would only say, "There are no plans to close the schools."

To the president of the union representing staff at Trillium Demonstration School in Milton, it sounds like a commitment only to one year. "It's more smoke and mirrors," said Bob Ryan, head of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union local.

The government also announced that "intensive reading intervention projects" will be introduced in school boards as a pilot project and a reference group will be established "to provide guidance and input on strengthening supports for students who are deaf or hard of hearing."

There are only 160 students total in the demonstration schools, which offer individualized programs tailored to each student, but the government caps enrolment at 40 per school.

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Have your say on the LRT: City

TRANSIT

Consultations on phase 2 are now underway

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

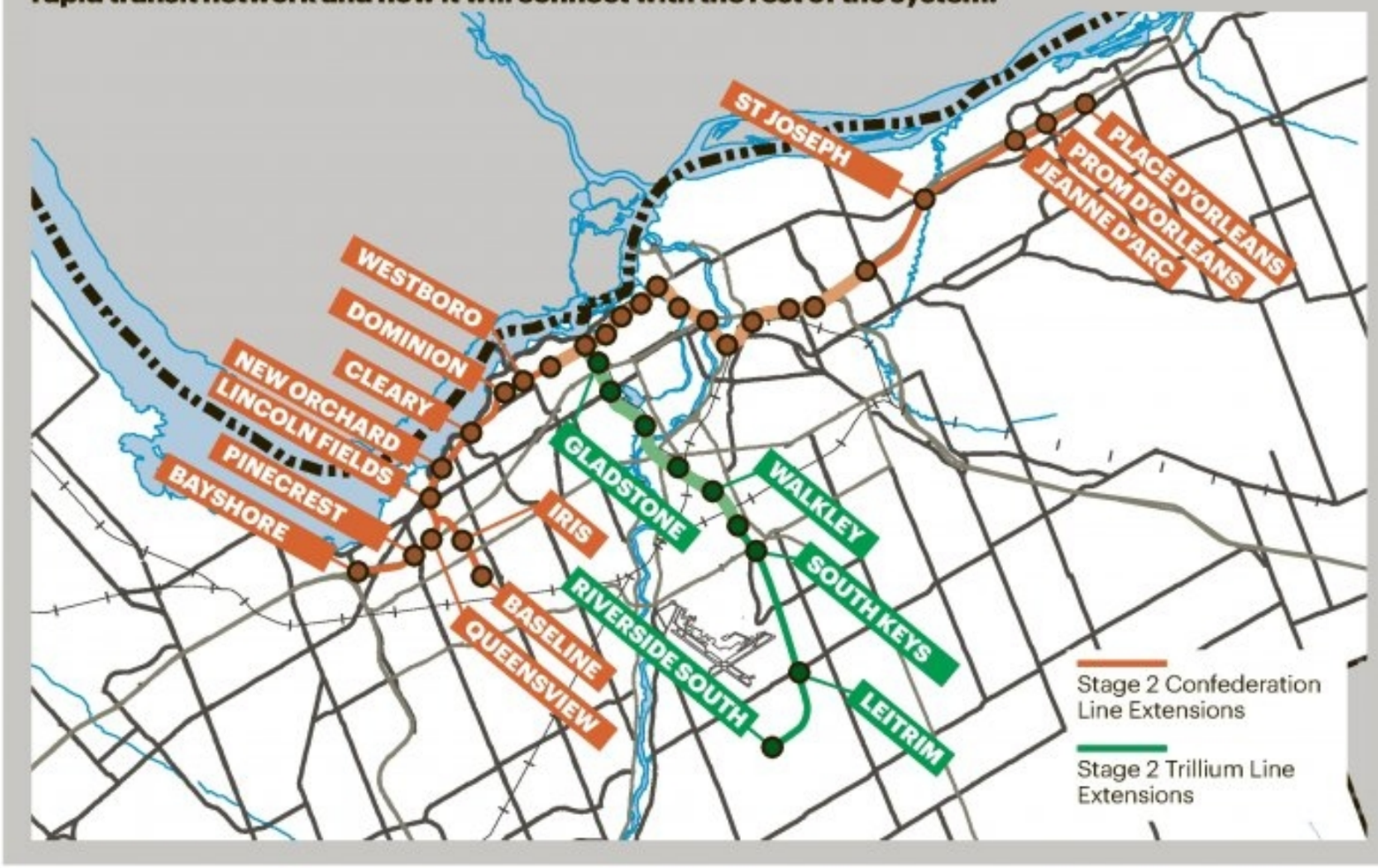
If you're planning on riding Ottawa's new light rail transit system in 2023, now is the time to tell the city what you think.

To make sure residents can actually access the 22 new stations, the city has done a station connectivity study, which it plans to share with citizens at public meetings throughout August.

Starting today, residents can share their feedback to make sure community connections like bike paths, crosswalks and sidewalks are in place to serve the expanded stage two LRT network.

The project will extend the new Confederation line into Orleans and to Bayshore and Baseline stations, and past the existing O-Train line into Riverside South.

MAPPED | Below is a list of the proposed Stage 2 extensions throughout the light rapid transit network and how it will connect with the rest of the system.



WEST STATIONS

Aug. 9: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Queensview, Pinecrest, Bayshore stations. Meeting at All Saints Lutheran Church, 1061 Pinecrest Road.

Aug. 10: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Iris, Baseline stations. Meeting at Algonquin College ACCE Building at 1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Room CA105 on the first floor.

SOUTH STATIONS

Aug. 17: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Walkley, Greenboro, South Keys stations. Meeting at Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, 1265 Walkley Road.

Aug. 30: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Leitrim, Bowesville. Meeting at Riverside South's Rideauview Community Centre, 4310 Shoreline Drive.

EAST STATIONS

Aug. 20: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Montreal Road, Jeanne d'Arc Boulevard, Orléans Boulevard, Place d'Orléans, Trim Road stations. Meeting at Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex, located at 1490 Youville Dr.

IN BRIEF

Worker injured in fall

A construction worker is in serious condition after falling 20-30 feet off scaffolding in Nepean.

Paramedics responded to a 12:35 p.m. call and treated the 48-year-old for two fractured ankles and neck and back injuries. He had been working on the side of a residential mid-rise building near the 100 block of Baseline Road. He was admitted to hospital in critical condition with stable vital signs.

The Ministry of Labour is investigating. METRO

Ian Bush trial dates set

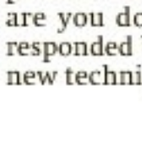
The Ottawa man police linked to a 2007 triple homicide after charging him in a home invasion will stand trial for both in 2017.

Ian Bush was arrested for entering the home of D-Day veteran Ernest Côté in 2015. Evidence linked him to the deaths of retired tax court judge Alban Garon, his wife Raymonde and neighbour, Marie-Claire Beniskos.

He faces a charge of attempted murder and three counts of first-degree murder. He will stand trial for murder on April 3, 2017, and attempted murder on Oct. 23, 2017. He remains in custody. JOE LOFARO/METRO

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Retired chiropractor to face judge's verdict



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

A retired Ottawa chiropractor convicted of molesting three of his patients during treatments over a span of more than 20 years will learn his fate Tuesday at the Elgin Street courthouse.

Dr. Michael Beaton, 77, was convicted in June after five men came forward with allegations he sexually assaulted them dating as far back as the late 1970s.

One of the victims told the court Monday during a sentencing hearing the abuse causes him to have panic attacks when dealing with doctors.

"Michael Beaton is a sexual predator and pervert who used his profession and friendships to abuse unsuspecting clients and friends," the man said in a victim impact statement.

Prosecutor James Cavanaugh is asking Ontario Court Justice Douglas Rutherford to impose a sentence between 12 and 18 months in jail and to have Beaton registered as a sex offender.

> **Michael Beaton is a sexual predator and pervert who used his profession and friendships to abuse unsuspecting clients and friends.**
> Victim impact statement

His convictions relate to only three of the complainants.

In one case, Beaton touched a man's genitals and when the patient asked "what the f–k are you doing?" the doctor responded by saying it was "a new technique," court heard.

But Beaton's lawyer, Richard Auger, is asking the judge not to send the elderly man to jail as he was deemed by a psychiatrist in 2012 as a low risk to reoffend.

Auger asked for a conditional sentence in the range of nine to 18 months.

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RESORTS

U.S. company buying Whistler Blackcomb

One of Canada's most popular and internationally renowned ski destinations is being sold to an American resort operator, with the architects of the nearly $1.4-billion deal citing financing for expansion and a push to attract more international visitors as benefits of the sale.

Colorado-based Vail Resorts Inc. has reached an agreement to buy Whistler Blackcomb Holdings, owner of Whistler Blackcomb ski resort, saying Monday the transaction would give the British Columbia tourism hub access to both the money and the markets it needs to grow its status as one of the world's leading, year-round ski havens.

"We have felt for a long time that Whistler (Blackcomb) is really the best positioned North American resort to benefit from the growth that we expect in outbound Chinese ski visitation, especially as China starts to ramp up towards the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics," said Vail CEO Rob Katz on Monday.

"For our company to have a strong entree into that opportunity is meaningful."

The deal is expected to close in the fall.

Whistler Blackcomb pulled the curtains back earlier this year on an ambitious $345-million expansion project, dubbed the Renaissance plan, to build more weather-independent facilities, improve infrastructure and expand its real estate offerings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Officials at Whistler Blackcomb say that Vail Resorts' takeover will give them access to both the money and the markets it needs to grow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INVESTIGATION

Quebec zoo employee stable after lion attack

A lion at Quebec's Granby Zoo attacked an employee Monday, fracturing her backbone, the head of the facility said.

The woman, in her early 20s, was in hospital in stable condition but zoo director Paul Gosselin called her injuries "severe."

He said the zoo is still investigating the circumstances of the attack.

The employee had been performing the morning preparation routine at about 9 a.m. in the lion den, home to the zoo's three lions, when one of them attacked her, Gosselin told reporters.

A second employee sprayed the lion with water from a hose and managed to distance the animal from the injured woman.

"What we know is that she suffered a cervical fracture and a few lacerations," Gosselin said. "She is stable and was conscious throughout the whole intervention." THE CANADIAN PRESS

HEALTH

Feds look into the finances of pop tax

The federal government has weighed the pros and cons of a financial deterrent aimed at shrinking bulging waistlines: a tax on soda pop.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau's office requested an analysis to explore the "issues and impacts in respect of a potential tax on soft drinks."

As an example, the document pointed to a recommendation made by the Heart and Stroke Foundation, which urged Ottawa to impose a tax of five cents per 100 millilitres that would generate $1.8 billion every year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A pair of cyclists head into Halifax along the Chain of Lakes trail. The province has taken the drastic step of prohibiting all travel in wooded areas across Nova Scotia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Stay out of the forest

SAFETY

Nova Scotia issues ban to avoid wildfire

To cut the risk of wildfires, the Nova Scotia government is taking the extraordinary measure of putting in place travel restrictions to keep people out of Nova Scotia's forest for two weeks.

"This means that all travel and activity within the woods is restricted, including hiking, camping and the use of off-highway vehicles," Natural Resources Minister Lloyd Hines said in an Aug. 8 media briefing concerning tinder-dry conditions in the province.

The province says the idea is if there are fewer people in the forests, it reduces the chance of unintentional ignition of fires.

The ban — which does not apply to provincial and private campgrounds and beaches — is effective as of noon Tuesday, and will last for two weeks.

The travel restriction applies to the entire province, Hines said, because with limited firefighting resources officials cannot risk wildfires starting up in other parts of the province.

This past weekend, three wildfires were being fought in western Nova Scotia: two in Annapolis Valley and one in Queens County. Wildfires in Maitland Bridge and Greenfield are now contained and mapped at about 21 hectares and five hectares respectively, according to a provincial release.

The most serious of those fires is the Seven Mile Lake fire in Annapolis County, which was 90 hectares on the weekend, but has since increased to around 140 hectares due to winds.

"We've had great success with our citizens in the province who understand the situation. We are asking them for help and understanding and co-operation in this process," the minister said.

If you are the owner of a cottage or camp, you are permitted to access what is on your property. But if you need to cross someone else's property to access your own, then you need permission from the landowner.

But if you want to visit tourist attractions such as Balancing Rock or Cape Split and you need to trek through the woods to get to them, then you're out of luck.

Hiking trails in woods are off limits. If you can access a beach from a parking lot, you're good. If you have to travel through the woods to get to one, you'll have to find another beach.

The minister said he recognizes this is an inconvenience, but he said there are still lots of other attractions that people, both Nova Scotians and tourists, can visit.

As for policing the restrictions, there will be warnings issued if people don't adhere to the rules. Repeat offenders would be fined, although the province did not have information on how much the fines would be or who would be policing the enforcement. TINA COMEAU/TC MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA

Grégoire Trudeau promotes breastfeeding

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Twitter account is drawing attention to World Breastfeeding Week with a photo of his wife and their son.

The tweet includes a photo of Sophie Grégoire Trudeau breast-feeding their youngest son, Hadrien, and the message: "This World Breastfeeding Week, let's support mothers to breastfeed anytime, anywhere. — SGT #WBW2016"

There's no mention of when the picture of was taken.

Breastfeeding is touted as "a key to sustainable development," in a joint release from UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

The release quotes from a series on breastfeeding from the respected medical journal The Lancet published last January, noting the series "argues that improving breastfeeding practices makes the world healthier, smarter, and more equal." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sophie Grégoire Trudeau breastfeeding son Hadrien. TWITTER

Amish pulling for Trump

U.S. ELECTION

Community has so far been spared news of election

On the outskirts of a town called Intercourse, an entire community of people has survived this election season with the chastity of its eardrums never once penetrated by the sound of Donald Trump's voice.

Many Amish have never heard him speak. They've read newspaper articles about him, learned about him through word-of-mouth, but have never had the full sensory experience because their traditionalist faith forbids television, radio and the web.

So the reactions are spontaneous and physical when a reporter visits this farming community and attempts to impersonate the outer-borough twang of a candidate who brags about his billions, his beautiful wife and the gold-garnished skyscrapers adorned with his name.

Eyes pop in surprise. Bellies burst in laughter. Heads shake in disgust.

"That's a little too much bragging," says a young woman at a bookstore counter. "Usually when people think too much of themselves, that's when it all goes downhill."

Across the parking lot with the horse and buggy, the local librarian strokes his beard and says: "We're supposed to be humble and not have pride."

Residents won't let their names be printed. Modesty is so central to the Amish way of life that people in this Pennsylvania community won't be photographed, won't linger before mirrors and avoid media.

But here's a shocker — most are pulling for Trump.

It begs the question of how a casino-owning, publicity-seeking, wealth-worshiping, serial-marrier of fashion models gains the support of people who don't gamble, eschew glamour, detest divorce and consider bankruptcy repugnant. Easily, it turns out.

The Amish are conservative — so they support Republicans against a party they associate with abortion, homosexual rights.

Another factor frequently comes up in conversation: Hillary Clinton is a woman.

"No Amish is going to vote for Hillary," says the man in the library. "No one wants a woman president. ... What does Bill think about his wife running for president?"

The estimated 70,000 Amish in Pennsylvania could be a powerful voting bloc. In a close race, a big Amish turnout could put Trump over the top in a state that's crucial to his northeastern rust-belt strategy.

> No one wants a woman president... What does Bill think about his wife running for president? Amish man

But there's just one problem — the Amish don't vote.

An estimated five per cent cast ballots in the last election. Getting voter ID isn't the problem, they say. The issue, frankly, is they don't really care all that much about voting.

One dairy farmer explains the case for not voting. The end of the world could happen at any moment, he says. In the meantime, every interim detail is determined by the Almighty.

This farmer makes world-class organic butter used in fancy restaurants. That's according to a non-Amish friend, because this farmer in the dusty pants and dark suspenders doesn't brag. He doesn't fret, either, about the world ending.

Of five people interviewed by The Canadian Press, none said they planned to vote.

Someone's trying to change that. A Super public action committee has been launched by a former member of the community. It's printed ads that emphasize more relatable parts of Trump's story: He doesn't drink, works hard and involves his children in the family business. The ads gloss over the casinos, divorces, bragging and bankruptcies.

But Amish PAC founder Ben King says he's trying to even out the score.

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Young women from Pennsylvania's Amish community ride a horse and carriage on July 23, through Lancaster County. On the outskirts of a town called Intercourse, an entire community of people has survived this election season with its eardrums' chastity never once penetrated by the sound of Donald Trump's voice. ALEX PANETTA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

KEYSTONE XL

Donald Trump's campaign says that if elected president he will ask TransCanada Corp. to re-submit its proposal for the stalled Keystone XL pipeline. That detail was included in the highlights package distributed by his campaign for a major economic speech today, although the speech itself made no mention of the pipeline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TEXAS

Family of teen who made clock files suit

The family of a Muslim boy who was arrested after bringing a homemade clock to school filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Texas school officials and others, saying the incident violated the 14-year-old boy's civil rights, prompted death threats and forced them to leave the United States.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Ahmed Mohamed, who was arrested at his suburban Dallas high school in September and charged with having a hoax bomb. He says he brought the homemade digital clock to school to show his English teacher.

Ahmed showed off the clock, made out of a plastic pencil box and electrical wire and other hardware salvaged from his parents' garage, on Monday during a news conference with his parents and attorneys.

Irving police later dropped the charge, but he was still suspended for three days. He never returned to the school; his family opted to have him take classes elsewhere.

The lawsuit names Irving Independent School District, the city of Irving and the school's principal, and asks a jury to determine the damages. In November, the family asked the district and city to pay $15 million or else face a suit.

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Ahmed Mohamed and his clock THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

70 dead in Pakistan suicide attacks

Pakistani militants struck at the heart of the country's legal profession on Monday, killing a prominent attorney and bombing the hospital where dozens of other lawyers had gathered to mourn. The attacks killed at least 70 people, most of them lawyers, authorities said. A breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attacks in Quetta, capital of Baluchistan province.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Pokémon Go player fatally shot at a tourist attraction

A 20-year-old man was shot to death while playing Pokémon Go at a tourist attraction along San Francisco's waterfront, authorities and a family friend said.

Calvin Riley was shot Saturday night by an unknown assailant at Aquatic Park near Ghiradelli Square, the U.S. Park Police said Sunday.

A family friend told KGO-TV Riley and a friend were playing the hit mobile game when he was shot.

"From what we know there was no confrontation. There was nothing said back and forth. It was just senseless, just came up and shot in the back and ran away for nothing," John Kirby said.

Kirby said Riley and his friend had noticed someone watching them from the top of a hill that overlooks the park, but it was dark and they were mostly looking at their cellphones.

National Park Service spokesman Lynn Cullivan said investigators believe there are witnesses to the attack because it happened in the bustling Fisherman's Wharf area. They are seeking tips.

Sgt. Robert Jansing, a detective with the U.S. Park Police, said the gunman did not take any of Riley's belongings or try to rob him.

It's unclear whether the attack had anything to do with Pokémon Go, which has become a sensation this summer as legions of fans visit real landmarks in order to find and trap cartoon creatures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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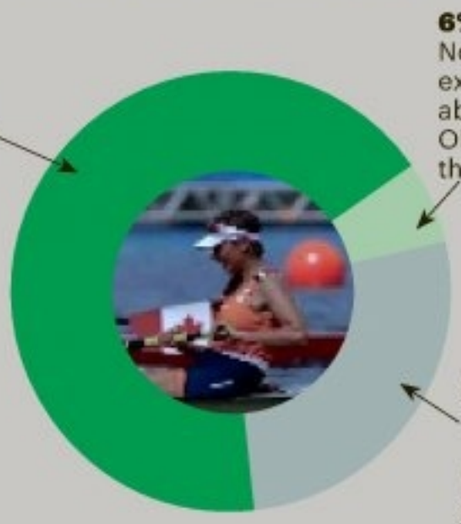
METRO POLL

Do you have Olympic-size worries?

Brazil is a mess. The congress is trying to oust the president. There's a potentially dangerous level of human sewage in the water where aquatic events are taking place. The Olympic Village is shoddy, and thanks to the worst recession in generations, public institutions have ground to a halt because the government can't afford to pay wages. And that's not to mention the Zika virus. We asked our readers if these issues have tarnished the Olympics' golden glow.

1 Have all the issues in Rio reduced your interest in the 2016 Summer Olympics?


67%
Yes, my concerns have reduced my interest.
6%
No. I'm more excited about the Olympics than ever!
27%
The problems haven't changed how I feel about the Olympics.

WE ASKED Metro readers

How much taxpayer money is wasted on this commercial venture?

The Olympic committee doesn't give a damn about the issues for the athletes, as long as they have a city that will host.

The Olympics will be fine despite Brazil's problems.

It doesn't sound like a safe place for anyone right now, medically and politically. It's not a place to be hosting a global event at this time.

Latrine Bay scares the crap out of me!

Olympics should be held in the same place every four years. The cost to countries to host this event is horrendous.

I want to see everyone support the dreams of our children. Don't take their dreams away with negativity.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Pit bull stereotypes persist — and so does the breed

COLLINS' CAPITAL
Steve Collins

There are stereotypical sights you might expect in Vanier: shirtless dudes of any age, for example, or pit bulls.

Stereotypes are based on a pinch of reality; an anecdote, while accurate in itself, can be exaggerated.

Vanier hosted another bad anecdote two weeks ago, when a pit bull attacked a woman, causing terrible injuries.

Cue the obligatory hand-wringing over why this monstrous breed still walks among us over a decade after Ontario made it illegal.

One newspaper editorial actually called them "assault rifles of the canine world," as if the typical pit bull is programmed to remorselessly stalk and devour the neighbourhood kids rather than the default Eat, Poop, Love.

City statistics show pit bulls perpetrate a vanishingly small proportion of reported dog bites in the city. Admittedly, in the rare cases when one bites, he's more likely to cause a serious injury than the most vicious toy poodle. A legal Rottweiler can also mess you up.

Anecdote and lurid headline, however, trumped statistics when the provincial government enacted its ban on pit bulls in 2005.

There's no such breed, so the legislation proscribed four specific dog breeds, plus any poor pooch who "has an appearance and physical characteristics substantially similar to any of those dogs."

Eleven years after banning the import of pit bulls and requiring the sterilization of all existing ones, there shouldn't be many around with any teeth left, but they're common in my neighbourhood. Who knew outlawing these pets might just discourage registering them?

My own pit bull anecdotes, the ones I knew best, are Mojo, Ebony and Leroy, complete sucks all.

Mojo, who went to her reward years ago, belonged to a doting IT professional. A cat-sized runt, she was nonetheless full-grown when the ban was passed, so she was grandfathered.

To the end, though, she could no longer leave the house without wearing a stigmatizing mini-Hannibal Lecter muzzle, which never failed to encourage anyone this shy cuddle-addict met to cross to the other side of the street.

Ebony and Leroy, regular playmates of my mutt until they moved last year, were either completely illegal or deceptively youthful-looking — and also abject scratch-my-belly sweethearts.

Their (sometimes-shirtless) owner lived in an apartment, sometimes struggled to pay the rent, worked at least two jobs at a time, and clearly loved and cared for his dogs.

I'll admit to a staunch pro-dog bias, but this tireless demonization of pit bulls shades my judgment, too.

When the mutt and I encounter a pit bull, I'm vigilant, but I expend more effort sizing up the dog's owner than the dog. If they don't seem to have control of the animal, or just look like idiots, we steer clear.

These are anecdotes, but they reinforce my belief that a dog's owner counts more than its "appearance and physical characteristics." A mandatory course for new owners, say, might work better than attempts to legislate certain breeds out of existence.

Steve Collins lives in Ottawa. He might also be the guy behind you on the bus, pretending not to notice you're reading this. Act casual.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Welcome to the 2016 Sexism and Objectification Games

Every two years, men around the world get a good look at the buttock creases of elite, highly-trained and supremely fit women who could clock them before they finish the sentence "Nice ass."

Call it the Ogling Games. In only the last few days:

- The Toronto Sun celebrated a silver medal by proclaiming diver Penny Oleksiak "pretty" in a splashy front page (yes, I get it; yes, it's both lazy and sexist).
- 24 Hours ran a "Sex with a side of gold" headline, featuring a nice wide shot of female swimmers' backsides and a sidebar noting volleyball and tennis are among the sexiest sports "not just for their sexy bodies and great personalities but also for the cute outfits they don," according to "relationship therapist" Kimberly Moffit.
- The Globe and Mail put a full-page photo of Canadian divers Jennifer Abel and Pamela Ware on its sports cover, showing their great form and butt-revealing swimsuits.
- The Chicago Tribune headlined a trap-shooting athlete's win this way: "Wife of a Bears' lineman wins a bronze medal today in Rio Olympics."
- NBC commentator Dan Hick had to apologize after he called the husband and coach of Hungarian gold-medal swimmer and new world-record-holder Katinka Hosszu "the man responsible" for the swimmer she's become.

None of this media treatment is new to women's sports. It's just at Olympic proportions. Each games are a turbocharged two weeks of wall-to-wall coverage of women athletes, and the sexism that goes hand-in-hand with public attention.

There's no reason, other than male viewers, women's swimsuits need to be cut higher than the CN Tower, revealing half a bum cheek. There's no reason female beach volleyballers need to wear bra tops. The ploy is so obvious, some U.S. male gymnasts want to compete with their shirts off for attention.

All of which is gross.

So are the comments about female athletes' physical appearances (from 2012, Boris Johnson's gush over the "semi-naked women playing beach volleyball... glistening like wet otters."). So is painting women's success as a footnote to their husbands'.

Alas, each Olympics brings more of the same, suggesting critiques like this are as useless as stories about Olympics in turmoil (they always are. The show always goes on).

If anything, the Games underline to all aspiring female athletes just how sexualized they can expect to be. And since we're all so OK with that, I suppose they should learn it early. Bonne chance, women of the Olympics, and nice asses.

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Second Jen looks to make TV history

INTERVIEW

Asian stars hope their show will spark more diversity

Jen (Samantha Wan) is nervously sitting in a doctor's office waiting for a gynecological exam. In the next seat engrossed in a medical pamphlet on sexual health is her best friend Mo (Amanda Joy).

"Do you remember my first pelvic exam when my mom got me to see a gynecologist Dr. Chin?" asks Jen with alarm.

Actors Wan and Joy are in the back of a former daycare centre in the west end Toronto neighbourhood of Babypoint. The studio has been mocked up to resemble a doctor's office. They're putting together City TV's Second Jen, a sitcom that is revolutionary for starring not one, but two female Asian leads.

Since ABC's Fresh Off The Boat and Dr. Ken there has been a gold rush of Asian American sitcoms including CBC's Kim's Convenience scheduled for the fall season, and YouTube Red's Single by 30.

But Second Jen stands out because it is confidently doubling down on the Asian leads, as if we had already arrived in a post-racial world. The fact that it is Toronto-based makes sense, since this city is touted as the most diverse in the world.

Back to the scene in the doctor's office: At the age of 21, Joy says, her mom followed her to the doctor.

"His first question was, 'Are you sexually active?' And she wouldn't leave the room!"

Second Jen is based on the experiences of Joy (who has Filipino ancestry) and Wan (who has Chinese ancestry) and their attempt to make it on their own outside their protective families. The gynecological exam scene was inspired by the fact that Asian parents rarely, if ever, talk about sex to their children. "Mainstream culture is all about go out there, have fun safe sex, and in Asian culture you just never talk about it at all," says Joy.

The title of the show also refers to the second generation, and the cultural and technological divide between millennials and their parents.

"This isn't a show just about being Asian, it's about the generational shift that's happening out there," Wan says.

A study at the USC Annenberg school of journalism found that of the 100 top films in 2014, 12.5 per cent of the casting was black, 5.3 per cent was Asian, and 4.9 per cent were Latino.

But remarkably, while Hollywood still battles over Oscars So White, television continues to push the boundaries, becoming much more reflective of the society we live in.

In some ways, it's surprising that Canadian networks have not taken the lead on diverse casting as some U.S. producers have done, introducing quality shows such as Blackish and Master of None.

Wan and Joy, tired of competing for the same roles in Toronto, decided they needed to create their own jobs.

What has changed for both actresses and they think also for mainstream audiences is the way that they look at the world through the lens of television. And they hope that they're not the only ones seeing it through that prism.

"One of my favourite shows growing up was Friends, and I still love that show," Wan says.

"But I look at it now and there's so little diversity. It's just so weird watching that now. And I hope moving forward that maybe we can change this a little, that we won't be the only ones that think that way."

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TV TRAILBLAZERS

All American Girl (1994)

Comic Margaret Cho's sitcom was groundbreaking for having an Asian lead. Cho played the rebellious daughter of a strict Korean-American family. The show only made it one season and Cho blamed network executives for trying to make her material more palatable to mainstream audiences.

Fresh Off The Boat (2015)

A show about an Asian family living in Orlando, Fla., based on the life of Vice host and chef Eddie Huang. Huang criticized the show before it aired saying, the series did not accurately reflect his life.

Master of None (2015)

Aziz Ansari and Alan Yang's masterful send up forms a modern, diverse ensemble comedy. Ansari plays an actor who is best known for a Go-Gurt commercial. Which, in itself, is funny.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A casual appeal to Spanish speakers

THE SHOW: Sing movie commercial (NBC)
THE MOMENT: The Spanish text

During a break from NBC's Olympics coverage on Saturday afternoon, a commercial appears for the upcoming animated movie Sing, which looks like Zootopia crossed with American Idol: As a koala named Buster (voiced by Matthew McConaughey) walks into his office, a stack of flyers for the singing competition he's hosting blow out the window. Other animals pick them up, and we see a montage of their auditions. The dialogue and the songs are in English. But interestingly, any text that appears, such as "From the Creators of Despicable Me," is written in Spanish. The movie opens on Dec. 21; as the ad ends, the word "Navidad" fills the screen.

This is not the first time a major U.S. English-language network aired a commercial in or featuring Spanish. CBS ran a Spanish-language ad for Pepsi during the Grammy awards way back in February 1989. Target premiered a four-spot Spanish-language campaign during the Latin Music Awards this past May. But this is the first time I've seen a half-Spanish commercial dropped casually, without fanfare, into a major network's Saturday afternoon broadcast of women's volleyball and men's gymnastics. NBC — which owns Universal, the studio behind Sing, and also owns the Spanish-language network Telemundo — has obviously decided to appeal more directly than ever to its increasing numbers of Spanish-speaking viewers. And why not? According to the Wall Street Journal, Spanish-speaking viewers watch more TV as it airs than English speakers. Which means they're presented with more commercials. Expect to see more such Spanglish ads soon.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

A commercial for the animated movie Sing was voiced in English but featured advertising text in Spanish — a casual effort by NBC to appeal to its diverse viewership. CONTRIBUTED

Fighting? Stop and think about the future

ADVICE

Ask yourself: Will this matter a year from now?

If you're at odds with your wife about family chores, or are having a spat with your boyfriend over who feeds the cat, stop and ask yourself, "Will this fight matter a year from now?" — and you might still be together then.

A new Canadian study, published in the journal Social Psychological and Personality Science, suggests the ticket to overcoming relationship conflicts is adopting a future-oriented perspective, instead of focusing on the present.

That means in the heat of the moment when tempers are flaring, people should take a step back and ask themselves how a conflict will affect them down the line, says lead author Alex Huynh, a doctoral candidate in the University of Waterloo's department of psychology.

"It allows them to be more forgiving of their partners and close friends, and in the end, that changes how they think about their relationship and their relationship well-being," he says. "They think the relationship will get better, and (think) of the conflict as a learning experience."

The researchers conducted two studies — one on undergraduate students in Chicago, and another on a broader age range of Americans found through a crowdsourcing website. All participants were asked to reflect on a recent conflict with a romantic partner or a close friend, with one group tasked with describing how they felt about it in the moment, and a second group describing how they'd feel about the conflict in a year.

In both studies, those thinking about the future reported more positivity about their relationships. They also showed more forgiveness and saw the fight in a more reasoned, positive light.

"People get caught up in their feelings, and use it as fuel and end up hurting their relationships," says Huynh. "But as humans . . . we can take a step back and think about our conflicts differently. By this simple way of doing that, your relationship is going to be better."

A new study suggests the ticket to overcoming relationship conflicts is adopting a future-oriented perspective instead of focusing on the present. ISTOCK

The findings come as no surprise to psychologists and relationship counsellors, who've seen it all when it comes to sparring couples.

"Even basic stresses in life, when we take a moment to say, 'Will this matter a year from now?' I find it makes my clients calm down," says Nicole McCance, a Toronto-based psychologist and relationship expert who has been working with couples for around a decade.

"It makes absolute sense," says registered professional counsellor Edel Walsh, founder of Love Done Well, a Vancouver-based love, life and relationship-counselling service.

We're all hard-wired with a primitive "fight or flight" response, she says, and it's nonsensical to try and solve a conflict in that state of mind. "What generally leads to an escalation in an argument with couples is that they both want to be heard at the same time — but you can't."

When we're arguing with someone, there are actually physiological changes in our body, says McCance. "Our blood pressure increases and goes away from our brain, into our legs and arms," she says.

"The best thing to do is walk away and take a break
Psychologist Nicole McCance

In other words, your brain isn't exactly firing on all cylinders when you're mad.

"The best thing to do is walk away and take a break," McCance adds. "It takes 20 minutes for your blood to go back to your brain."

And after hitting the pause button, you might as well take some time to think about the future, too.

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION TIPS

Make your relationship a priority
It's easy to get caught up in your own needs, but you have to focus on your relationship as a whole. Ask yourself: Are you fulfilling your partner's needs? Are you asking them how their day went? Are you focusing on the things you love about them? To figure out your partner's specific needs, pay attention to the things they're complaining about.

Plan for conflict
It sounds unromantic and pessimistic to plan for a fight, but Walsh says that's a key way couples can avoid the blow-ups sparked by our primitive "fight or flight" response. (And let's face it: Fighting with a partner is inevitable.) During a calm conversation, make an agreement to hit the pause button before things escalate.

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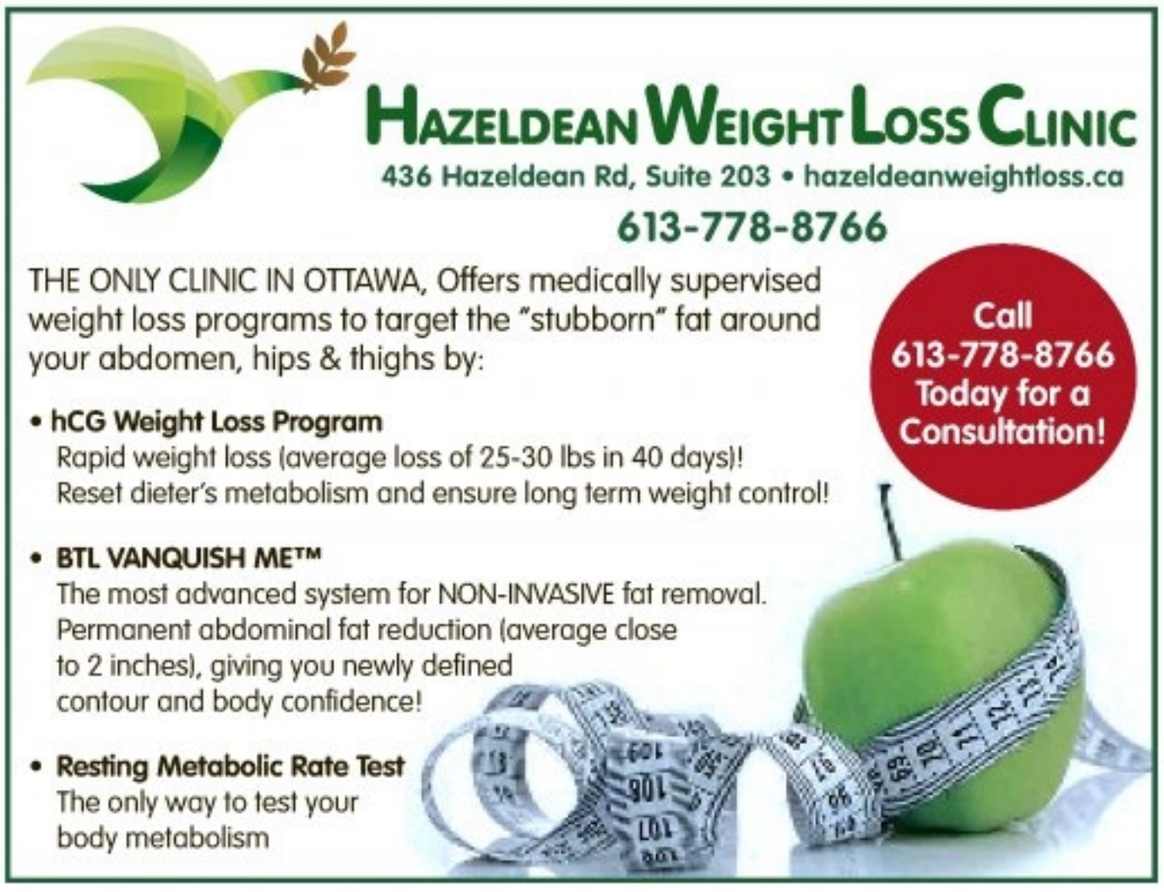
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"Every classroom is a creative environment in which we put a lot of emphasis on independent decision making and self expression so students can take their passion and figure out how they want to push it," says Diane Banks, faculty marketing specialist for the faculty of arts, media and design.

The School offers 24 programs that range from bachelor and collaborative degrees to advanced diplomas, diplomas, certificates and graduate certificates in areas such as game development, interior decorating, performing arts, interactive media design and brand management.

Banks says despite the variety of offerings, programs do share some commonalities.

"Our programs are flexible, engaging and profoundly applicable in today's communication and design industries, providing our students with the tools, technology and creative problem solving skills required to excel in today's digital world," she says. "For example, all students get hands-on training in class and through workplace experience or paid co-op and many programs have networking events during which employers may even interview students onsite."

To ensure programs are forward thinking, each one has an advisory committee that is made up of industry professionals who keep up with trends and are able to make real time curriculum suggestions.

Faculty members also advise the School on the latest industry innovations.

"Faculty members have years of experience and many part-time faculty members still work in their industries," says Banks. "So not only do they have up-to-date information to pass onto us but they are also able to bring in guest speakers and create networking opportunities for students."

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As a result of the School of Media and Design's approach, Banks says, the top graduates in each program find related work within the first year and many others after that.

In addition to its current offerings, Algonquin is constantly looking into developing new diploma and applied degree programs that reflect the changes in the industry, says Banks.

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Ibtihaj Muhammad made U.S. history by becoming the only American ever to compete in the Olympics wearing a hijab

Canada topped Great Britain 33-10 to win rugby sevens bronze on Monday at Deodoro Stadium in Rio. DAVID ROGERS/GETTY IMAGES

Bronze rebuttal

RIO2016

Canada gets revenge on GBR in third-place sevens match

Ghislaine Landry led Canada to a historic bronze medal Monday.

Landry had two tries and four conversions to lead the Canadian women's rugby sevens squad to a decisive 33-10 win over Britain as women's rugby made its Olympic debut.

Karen Paquin, Bianca Farella and Kelly Russell had the other tries for Canada, which took a commanding 26-5 halftime advantage. The Canadians also earned a successful finish to the tournament after dropping a 17-5 semifinal decision to Australia early Monday.

The win also provided Canada with redemption after losing 22-0 to Britain in pool play. New Zealand defeated Britain 25-7 in the other semifinal Monday.

Canada was looking for a second upset win over Australia, which is regarded as the class of the tournament and with good reason. The defending World Series champion won the first three of this year's events before losing 29-19 to the Canadians in the fifth and final stop of the tour.

But the Aussies took care of business this time around, storming out to a 12-0 halftime lead. And they led 17-0 before Charity Williams scored Canada's lone try to round out the scoring.

The third-seeded Canadians advanced to the seminal with a 15-5 victory over France after posting a 2-1 pool record.

Canada secured its third medal overall (two bronze, one silver).

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Canada creates big moments to build on

This might have been the game, the dramatic and electric and unexpected comeback, that propels Canada's Olympic basketball team to unprecedented heights.

It could be the win that awakens the country, the triumph that pays gigantic dividends as the Rio 2016 tournament unfolds, the "holy smokes" moment of their lives.

Down 18 points in the third quarter, unable to get untracked anywhere on the court, the Canadians came storming back, ultimately registering a 71-67 win over 2015 European champion Serbia thanks to a series of late-game heroics that was as dramatic a basketball finish as any fan could ever want.

It was a trio of the relative kids — Nayo Raincock-Ekunwe, Miah-Marie Langlois and Kia Nurse — and one of the old hands Kim Gaucher who gave greater life to the team's medal hopes and should propel them deeper into the national consciousness.

"When we play in desperation mode, which we were playing in today, that's when we're really, really good," Nurse said. "And that showed."

It may not have been as emotionally draining as, say, the Canadian soccer team's loss to the United States four years ago in London, but it could be equally important in turning this group into the country's darlings as the Games roll on.

A Gaucher three-pointer from the corner, a Raincock-Ekunwe three-point play, a Langlois dagger of a three with less than 10 seconds left and Nurse's brilliance in a 25-point effort is the stuff on which reputations are built.

The top four teams in the group advance to the quarterfinals and having a 2-0 record with games left against Senegal, the U.S. and Spain is exponentially better for Canada than being 1-1. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kia Nurse
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1 **Hosts have a gold** — Rafaela Silva captured Brazil's first gold medal of the Games by winning judo's 57-kilogram division.

2 **Bouchard falls** — Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount. Que., was eliminated from the women's singles tennis event with a 6-4, 6-2 second-round loss to German Angelique Kerber.

3 **Hope on the water** — Victoria's Lindsay Jennerich and Patricia Obee — Canada's best hope for a rowing medal — won their heat in the women's lightweight double sculls to advance to the semifinal round Wednesday. But the women's eight crew finished last in its three-boat heat.

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RIO notes from the Games

DeLaet has date with history

The first Olympic golf shot in 112 years will be hit by the lone Brazilian in the men's field.

Graham DeLaet
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The International Golf Federation tapped into what few Olympic roots it has by selecting Adilson da Silva to be the first to tee off Thursday. Also in the opening threesome: Graham DeLaet of Canada, a country IGF president Peter Dawson called the defending champ — George Lyon of Canada won the gold medal at the St. Louis Games in 1904.

Mayor pleads for carpooling

The mayor of Rio de Janeiro called for residents to carpool in the notoriously congested city Monday, the first workday during the Olympics competition schedule that featured medal action in gymnastics, swimming, fencing, women's rugby, judo and more.

Brazil soccer on cusp of another home meltdown

It has come to this for the Brazilian men's soccer team: The fans are so disappointed with the team that they heckled icon Neymar and chanted the name of the women team's star during a lacklustre, scoreless tie against Iraq over the weekend. Brazil is now facing elimination — a prospect that once seemed unthinkable in the soccer-obsessed host country — after 0-0 draws against South Africa and Iraq. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neymar
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Inter Milan says coach Roberto Mancini has left the Italian club after less than two years in charge

Gretzky statue bustin' a move to Oilers' new arena

TRIBUTE

Bronze figure receiving a wax and shine as part of 'facelift'

He stands nine feet two inches tall and hasn't aged a bit, but the statue of hockey great Wayne Gretzky could use a waxing and a bath.

The 430-kilogram bronze statue of No. 99 holding the Stanley Cup over his head has been on display at Rexall Place for the past 27 years, but with a move to a new arena in the near future he's taken a road trip down south to where he was created.

"Yes it's a facelift," laughed Don Begg, a bronzesmith with Studio West in Cochrane, Alta., west of Calgary, who worked on casting the statue back in 1989 after it was sculpted by John Weaver.

"Actually he still looks pretty good to me. We've examined him over and he's really in good shape but everything needs a little bit of tender loving care after 27 years."

During a recent visit to Begg's Studio West workshop, the statue was hanging horizontally. It was partly covered — including the Stanley Cup — but The Great One's smiling face and Oiler logo were clearly visible.

The biggest challenge, said Begg, was removing him from his spot at Rexall Place. The old bolts now have to be removed, new ones put in and then he will be waxed, shined up and made to "look like he's brand new" for the new location.

Begg, who used to live in Edmonton, admits to having a "soft spot" for the Oilers and especially Gretzky. When a statue like this one is created they always break the mould — much like Gretzky the hockey player.

"We broke the mould but he's still there and that's the main thing."

> **Everything needs a little bit of tender loving care after 27 years.**
> Don Begg

Begg said he's stopped by and checked on the statue a number of times over the years. He said there is absolutely no damage, though Mother Nature has added a few touches over the years.

"We don't have any control over the birds. We don't have any control over the weather and the dust and the dirt that blows around," he said.

"They do a small amount of maintenance and we're just going to shine him up to go into a new location."

Bronzesmith Don Begg examines the statue of Wayne Gretzky at his foundry in Cochrane, Alta., on Friday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There are pictures of the creation of the statue — including a number of Gretzky himself — on a bulletin board outside the workshop.

Begg said he's proud to have been part of the Gretzky statue, and that the fact it's in bronze makes it all the better.

"Whether we cast him or we sculpt him it really is an honour to be part of that — of something that's going to last for thousands of years," Begg said.

"There's nothing you can make that lasts as long as a bronze."

Begg said he doesn't expect the cleanup to take more than a week as opposed to the six months spent during the creation process.

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BLUE JAYS

Pillar on DL with a bum thumb

The Toronto Blue Jays will be without their best defensive player for at least the next two weeks after Kevin Pillar was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday.

The star outfielder sprained his left thumb on a slide into a second base on Saturday in Kansas City and sat out Sunday's finale against the Royals.

"It's just an unfortunate thing that happened just playing the game the way I've always played," said Pillar, sporting a protective blue covering over the injured thumb. "It was a bad slide and (the team) made the decision they felt was best for our team going forward."

Kevin Pillar GETTY IMAGES

Jays manager John Gibbons described the injury as a torn ligament, one that needed to "calm down" before Pillar could return to play later this month.

A model of health despite his hard-charging style in the outfield, Pillar has played in 109 of 112 games this year after suiting up for 159 of 162 last season.

Acquired from San Diego in a trade last month, Melvin Upton Jr. will take over the centre-field duties in Pillar's absence.

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SOCCER

Man United ponies up to get Pogba back

Manchester United has made Paul Pogba the world's most expensive soccer player, signing the France midfielder for around 105 million euros four years after releasing him for virtually nothing.

United says Pogba signed a five-year deal with an option for another year.

Pogba was a promising 19-year-old when he left United after his contract expired, having only made seven appearances as a substitute. He joined Juventus and won four successive Serie A titles with Juventus.

Paul Pogba GETTY IMAGES

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IN BRIEF

Top dirt-track racer dies following weekend crash

Bryan Clauson, a popular driver considered by many to be the top dirt-track racer in the country, died Sunday night from injuries suffered in a crash during a race in Kansas. His death was announced Monday.

Clauson, 27, was leading Saturday night's race at the Belleville Midget Nationals when he crashed while passing lapped traffic; his car rolled and was hit by another competitor.

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University of Arizona football player dies in sleep

Zach Hemmila, a senior offensive lineman for the University of Arizona, has died in his sleep, athletic director Greg Byrne said Monday.

Byrne and Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez told the team of Hemmila's death after practice on Monday morning.

Hemmila was found by a cousin. There was no immediate word on a cause of death.

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CFL

Gas leak interrupts Alouettes' practice

If things weren't going badly enough for the Montreal Alouettes, their latest setback saw the entire team rush off the practice field because of a gas leak.

Halfway through a workout Monday, a thick odour of natural gas wafted onto the field and the team was told to leave the area. Fire trucks were on hand as a crew worked nearby on what appeared to be a gas main. The players loaded onto buses and headed to Olympic Stadium.

> **It felt like I was in the propane tank myself.**
> Receiver Duron Carter

The Alouettes (2-4) are coming off a 38-18 loss at home to the B.C. Lions and preparing for a meeting Thursday night with the Eskimos in Edmonton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Second coming for RG3

NFL

Griffin is back in starter's spot as Browns hand him team reins

Despite spending an entire season on Washington's bench, Robert Griffin III never doubted he'd be a starter again.

His belief became reality Monday, when coach Hue Jackson said "it's time" to give Griffin the opportunity to lead the Cleveland Browns on the field.

"As long as you don't give up and you keep working, you'll get another opportunity," Griffin said.

Jackson, who chose RG3 following a weekend in which the 26-year-old helped Cleveland's first-team offence in successful scrimmages, has lofty standards that Griffin will need to meet in order to keep the job.

"He has gained the respect from his teammates, the coaching staff and the entire organization that is necessary for him to lead our offence and really the entire team," Jackson said, adding, "We expect him to continue to ascend as he becomes more and more acclimated to the offensive system we will employ this season."

"As long as you don't give up and you keep working, you'll get another opportunity.
Robert Griffin III

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Griffin beat out Josh McCown for the starting spot, leaving the 37-year-old's future with the Browns in doubt.

"It's an honour to be one of 32 in this league," Griffin said. "When you get (an opportunity), you got to seize it."

Griffin signed a two-year, $15 million free agent contract in March and has taken the majority of first-team reps during the Browns' organized team activities and training camp. The fifth-year quarterback completed three long passes to rookie Corey Coleman in the team's Friday scrimmage, including a deep touchdown toss that impressed veteran cornerback Tramon Williams.

"Some of the balls that he threw today, the location that he put them at, it was amazing," Williams said Friday. "I told him, I said, 'Man, if you throwing the ball like that ... you're going to throw a lot of touchdowns this year.'"

In Saturday's no-pads scrimmage at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, the Baylor product tossed two touchdown passes to receiver Terrelle Pryor.

The Browns' first preseason game is on Friday at Green Bay.

Though he may not be long for Cleveland, McCown felt he got a fair chance in the competition, despite the lack of first-team reps.

"Not in any way or shape do I think it was unfair," McCown said. "I think it was exactly how it needed to be for them to fairly evaluate things and I trust their judgment."

McCown, who started eight games for Cleveland in 2015 before breaking his collarbone, is reportedly a top trade target for the Dallas Cowboys, who are in need of a replacement backup quarterback after Kellen Moore broke his right ankle last week.

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BRONCOS

Talib back out on practice field as he awaits his fate

Aqib Talib made his training camp debut Monday with a warm welcome from his Denver Broncos teammates and the fans on hand. The cornerback was limited in practice but not in enthusiasm after missing the first 10 days of training camp while he recovered from a gunshot wound to his right leg suffered at a Dallas bar on June 5.

He put the physical part of the incident behind him but the consequences of that night could cost him some games. The NFL is investigating the incident and could potentially discipline Talib.

That wasn't the biggest thing on Talib's mind Monday. He was happy to be back on the field, even if he watched most of the practice.

"That was the most important thing, to put these cleats back on and come out here and run again," he said. "It's a blessing to be out here. I really appreciate it."

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SOCCER

Foxes need to become a new animal after underdog glory

A day after masterminding the most unlikely title success in English football history, Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri was asked about his target for the next Premier League season.

Would it be a top-four finish? Maybe even retaining the trophy? Not even close.

"We know very well," Ranieri said, "we have to fight for 10th position."

Never have titleholders' ambitions appeared to be so low. These, though, are no normal champions.

Leicester wrote a sporting underdog story for the ages by toppling the traditional heavyweights of England and winning the Premier League at pre-season odds of 5,000-1. A team widely tipped for relegation finished 10 points clear of second place.

Now for the encore. But it won't be with the same cast.

Ranieri has lost his midfield dynamo, N'Golo Kante, to Chelsea for $40 million. Another significant departure came off the field, with Steve Walsh, the head of recruitment with a record of unearthing unheralded players and making them stars, joining Everton.

Speculation has been swirling in the off-season around the future of two more of last season's key players, Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez. Vardy eventually signed a new deal but doubts remain about whether Mahrez will be at Leicester by the end of the transfer window on Aug. 31, with the winger heavily linked with Arsenal.

Jamie Vardy and Leicester are vying to do it all again.
MICHAEL STEELE/GETTY IMAGES

For this season, Leicester's title odds with British bookmakers range between 20-1 and 33-1. Pre-season games have been against Paris Saint-Germain and Barcelona rather than Lincoln and Burton, which was the case in 2015. And part of the warmup for the new campaign was a trip to Wembley Stadium for the Community Shield against Manchester United, which Leicester lost 2-1 on Sunday.

"Everything's different now," Ranieri said. "You imagine the big teams who didn't win, who didn't make the Champions League. They are going crazy now, they want to kill now."

Proving that Leicester is operating at a completely new level, the team will be competing in the Champions League for the first time. Ranieri could rely on a core group of players last season — with no European involvement along with early exits from the domestic cup competitions — and was able to shed his "Tinkerman" tag.

Externally, there will be no pressure on Leicester to repeat its amazing exploits from the 2015-16 season and few are expecting it to. But this is a team that just loves defying the odds. It opens with a trip to Hull on Saturday.

"The close-knit brotherhood is unbelievable," Vardy says, "and, for me, there's a lot of unfinished business here."

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RECIPE Chicken Milanese with Roasted Cherry Tomatoes

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

This meal is the dinner equivalent to a vacation in the sun. In other words, it's pure bliss.

Ingredients
- 1 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1 garlic clove, sliced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp of balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 cup panko
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 1 Tbsp lemon zest
- 2 eggs
- 1 or 2 Tbsp olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Place tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper on a baking sheet. Toss together then bake 20 minutes. Set aside.

2. With a sharp knife, slice the chicken in half so you end up with four thin cutlets. Place each between two sheets of cling film and use a rolling pin to pound until cutlets are 1/4-inch thin.

3. Whisk eggs in a shallow bowl. Mix panko, Parmesan, lemon zest and salt and pepper on a plate. Dip cutlets into egg, then press on each side in the panko mixture and place on a clean plate.

4. Pour olive oil in skillet over medium heat. Place chicken in hot oil and cook on each side until they're golden brown and crispy, about 5 minutes a side. Serve with fresh arugula and roasted cherry tomatoes.

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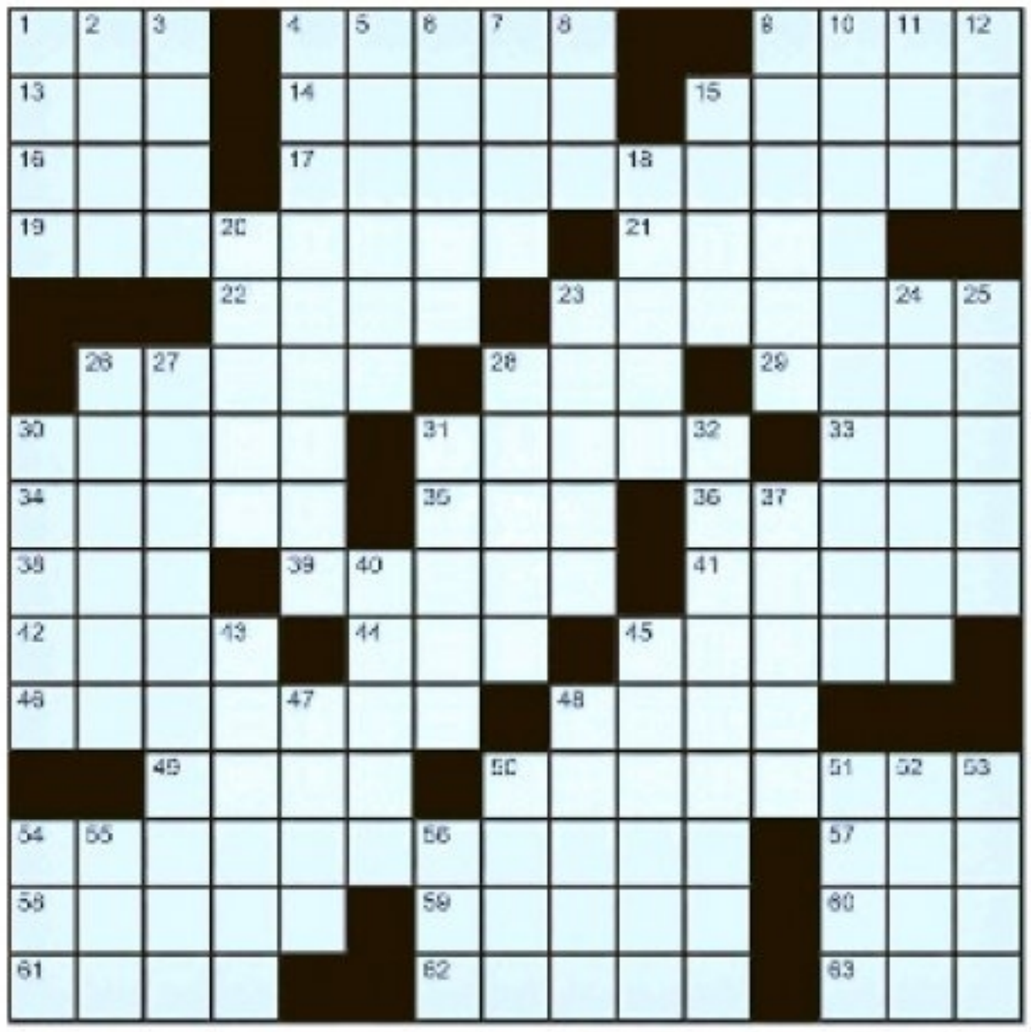

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4. Burt and Sela
9. Golden Globes org.
13. Shade
14. Skin-soothing plants
15. Aplomb
16. 'A' in ETA [abbr.]
17. RIO 2016: Quick reflexes sport: 2 wds.
19. RIO 2016: SLO is its IOC code
21. H.G. Wells people
22. Ms. Brockovich
23. Steeps
26. Police dept. ranks
28. Q. "How is Nashville's state abbreviated?" A. "'_ _', _ believe."
29. Queen's 'Bohemian', e.g.
30. _ _ a customer
31. Swallow heartily
33. Env.'s stuff-y
34. Up to
35. Samovar
36. Employee's request
38. Certain cap
39. Make hair stand _ _
41. Singer, Tennessee _ Ford
42.Mr. Redding
44. poet mr. cummings, et al.
45. Get a new tenant
46. RIO 2016: Olympic sport
48. _-majeste (High treason)
49. RIO 2016: Beach mound
50. Canadian restaurant, _ _ Mario's
54. RIO 2016: In the Men's Tournament, Canada faces The Netherlands in it today, August 9th: 2 wds.
57. RIO 2016: Basketball hoop part
58. Soil fertilizers
59. RIO 2016: Cycling spinner
60. 'Federal' suffix
61. Snake sounds
62. Scandinavian
63. Reserved

DOWN
1. Animals bassist Mr. Chandler
2. Mr. Ives
3. Mackerel sort
4. RIO 2016: Pool team sport: 2 wds.
5. Ms. Morissette
6. Songbird variety
7. Oscar Renta
8. Opposite NNW
9. Accolade
10. RIO 2016: Racer's target: 2 wds.
11. Pressure meas.
12. Bronze Roman money
15. Ill-gotten money
18. "_ _ two have been taken." (Donut dozen remainder)
20. 1892: Aria in Pagliacci: "_ la Giubba"
23. _ _ out
24. Has that power bar: 2 wds.
25. Shopping _
26. Intrinsic
27. RIO 2016: Goalkeepers, as per #54-Across
28. Goes sour
30. _ _ the blue
31. "The Caine Mutiny" (1954) role, Lt. Cmdr. Philip Francis _
32. RIO 2016: Swimming event, Men's 4 x 200m _ Relay
37. French city where Van Gogh painted
40. "Buffalo Stance" singer Ms. Cherry
43. RIO 2016: Rowing crafts
45. Goes to that movie again
47. Non-affiliated politicians [abbr.]
48. RIO 2016: 1992 'Dream Team' in Basketball... Magic Johnson, when an NBA player
50. Parrot
51. Lovely flower
52. Gossip
53. Ms. Rossum
54. AMs opposites
55. RIO 2016: '_' _ in IOC
56. Have

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are in such a resourceful frame of mind today, you will see new ways to do things at work. You might see new applications for an old system.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a good day to explore different approaches with children. Likewise, if you are involved in a creative project, you will see possibilities you missed before.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good day for practical repairs at home, because you are in a resourceful frame of mind.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you have penetrating insight into situations all around you. You see what motivates people and what really makes them tick.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Have confidence in your ability to see new uses for your possessions. This is because you are ingenious today and ready to see new ways of doing things.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have the ability to persuade others today. Use this wisely, so people will continue to respect you in the future. Don't lead anyone astray.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a wonderful day for research, because you are quick to see the subtext of things. You also see the reasons why something occurred or came into being.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you are in a class or any kind of group, you will convince the people around you to listen to you and to follow your ideas. Use this advantage wisely.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Discussions with bosses, parents and VIPs (even the police) will be powerful and to the point today. Someone wants to get to the bottom of something. They want the truth.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Discussions about politics, religion and racial issues will be intense and probing today. You want to know the reason behind why people think the way they do.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you are clever today, you will see ways to reduce your debt or shuffle things to your advantage. Take a fresh look at your situation and be inventive!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone might try to persuade you to do something today. They want to convince you of something. Listen carefully, but make up your own mind.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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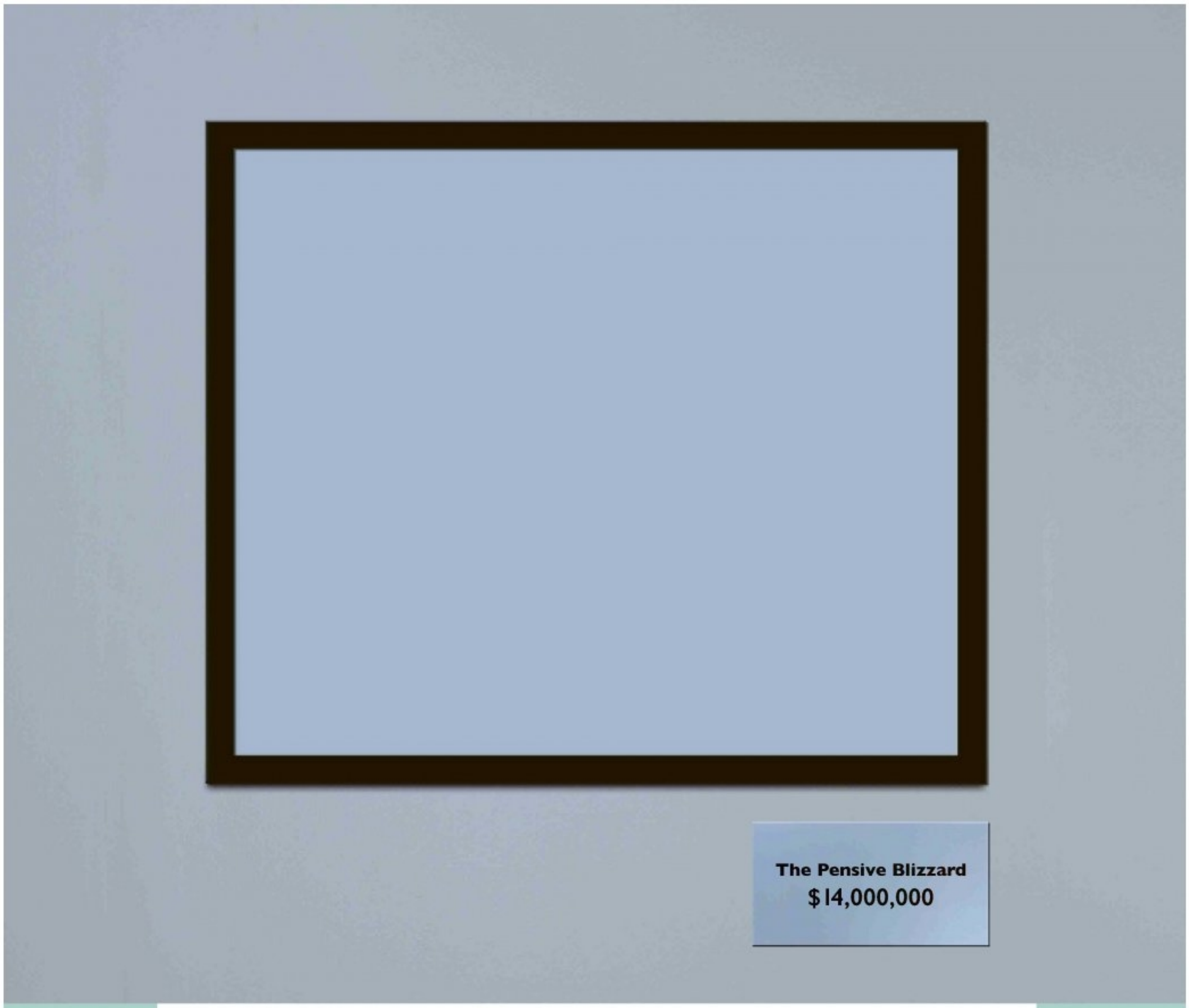

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